million and US dollar 1988 million respectively.

(c) and (d) In the Export and Import Policy 1992-97, as amended upto 31st March, 1993 benefits available to Export-Oriented Units have been extended to units engaged in agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, etc. The details of the scheme of Export Oriented Units are contained in Chapter IX of the Export and Import Policy 1992-97.

Impact of Budget on prices of Tea and Coffee

1491. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of tea and coffee have gone up after the presentation of 1993-94 Budget; and

(b) what is the variation in retail prices of tea and coffee after presentation of the budget vis-a-v-s before the Budget ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Tea : The average prices of all teas at Indian auctions during pre-Budget period i.e. February, 1993 was Rs. 54.99 per kg., which declined to Rs. 48.43 per kg. in March, 1993.

Coffee : Prices of coffee in the inter nal market are decided by the availability of coffee. Following the allotment to the growers of an Internal Sale Quota to the extent of 30 per cent of the current year's production, the release of the coffee by the Coffee Board was tapered down from January, 1993 onwards and was completely stopped w.e.f. the auction conducted in March, 1993. The market price of coffee will depend upon, among other things, the price at which coffees are sold|disposed off by the growers directly. In the Budget, the Central Excise Duty on coffee which was being levied at the rate of Rs. 500 per tonne, has been abolished. However, the Central Excise Duty constituted a small portion of the retail price. There are other duties on coffee like Purchase Tax|Sales Tax, the incidence of which is much higher.

(b) Tea : As a consequence of the announcement of abolition of Excise Duties on tea during the presentation of the 1993-94 Budget, some packet tea manufacturers have reduced the end-consumer prices of their popular brand of packs. The details in respect of four major packet tea manufacturers are as follows :—

(Prices Rs. Kg.)

Name of Brand	End consumer prices with excise duty-pre-budget	End-consumer prices after abolition of excise duty-post Budget period
1	2	3
BROOKE BOND :		
Taj 250 gms.	102.00	100.80
BB Special 250 gms.	97.00	95.80
RED 250 gms.	87.00	85.80
3 Roses 250 gms.	106.00	104.80
LIPTON (I) LTD.		
Yellow Label 500 gms.	86.00	84.90

1	2	3
Ruby Dust 500 gms.	91.00	89.90
TATA TEA LTD. :		
Kanan Devan (RD) 500 gm. . . .	73.00	71.50
Kanan Devan (SED) 500 gm. . .	71.50	69.50
Tata Tea (Red Leaf) 500 gms. . .	80.00	78.00
Tata Tea (leaf) 500 gm.	77.00	75.00
Tata Tea (Assam premium leaf 500 gms.) .	97.00	95.00
Tata Tea (Assam premium Dust 500 gms.).	80.00	78.00
DUNCANS :		
Dbl Dmnd 500 gms.	96.00	94.90
Dbl Dmnd 250 gms.	97.00	96.00
Pikup 500 gms.	85.50	84.40
Pikup 250 gms.	87.00	85.00

Coffee : Average retail prices of raw coffee beans and coffee powder during January to March, 1993 basad on reports received, from various retail outlets are as under;

Months	Plantation		Arabica Cherry		ROB Cherry	
	AB	PB	AB	PB	AB	PB
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. January' 93 .	48.50	62.80	40.00	41.55	35.05	35.80
2. Feburary '93 .	50.00	65.00	42.00	44.00	36.00	37.00
3. March '93 .	51.00	67.00	43.00	45.00	36.00	37.00

Powder	Plantation	Arabica Cherry	Rob. Cherry
1	2	3	4
January, 93	68.00	56.85	52.00
February, 93	70.00	58.00	52.65
March '93	70.00	54.00	52.00